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By Electronic Mail

Sarah P. Flanagan
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Re: Diamond Alkali, Lower Passaic River Study Area – Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, USEPA Region 2 CERCLA Docket No. 02-2007-2009

Dear Sarah:

Thank you for your letter of May 17, 2013, by which you transmitted a copy of EPA's Bill for Collection that was sent to William Hyatt, Coordinating Counsel to the LPRSA Cooperating Parties Group.

As we have discussed, our clients, Occidental Chemical Corporation / Maxus Energy Corporation / Tierra Solutions, Inc., were forced to withdraw from the CPG over a year ago, and our efforts to achieve coordination with the CPG have been unsuccessful.

Tierra, on behalf of Occidental, will transmit electronically Occidental's share of the oversight costs -- \$791,773.13 -- on or before June 16, 2013, as directed by EPA's letter to Mr. Hyatt.

Also as EPA directed Mr. Hyatt, we will confirm the electronic transmittal within a week of this EFT by a letter to you, Stephanie Vaughn, and Richard Rice.

We appreciate your continuing assistance.

Very truly yours,



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